

Levin (for Coburn) Amendment No. 3044 (to Amendment No. 2011), to prohibit the use of earmarks for awarding no-bid contracts and non-competitive grants. **Pages S12034, S12042**

Pending:

Nelson (NE) (for Levin) Amendment No. 2011, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S12023**

Warner (for Graham/Kyl) Amendment No. 2064 (to Amendment No. 2011), to strike section 1023, relating to the granting of civil rights to terror suspects. **Page S12023**

Kyl/Lieberman Amendment No. 3017 (to Amendment No. 2011), to express the sense of the Senate regarding Iran. **Pages S12023, S12029**

Biden Amendment No. 2997 (to Amendment No. 2011), to express the sense of Congress on federalism in Iraq. **Pages S12023, S12028–29**

Reid (for Kennedy/Smith) Amendment No. 3035 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2064), to provide Federal assistance to States, local jurisdictions, and Indian tribes to prosecute hate crimes. **Page S12023**

Motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services, with instructions to report back forthwith, with Reid Amendment No. 3038, to change the enactment date. **Page S12024**

Reid Amendment No. 3039 (to the instructions of the motion to recommit), of a technical nature. **Page S12024**

Reid Amendment No. 3040 (to Amendment No. 3039), of a technical nature. **Page S12024**

Casey (for Hatch) Amendment No. 3047 (to Amendment No. 2011), to require comprehensive study and support for criminal investigations and prosecutions by State and local law enforcement officials. **Pages S12044–45**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the Reid (for Kennedy/Smith) Amendment No. 3035 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, September 27, 2007. **Page S12023**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Casey (for Hatch) Amendment No. 3047 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, September 27, 2007. **Pages S12044–46**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 26, 2007; provided further, that when Senate resumes consideration of Biden Amendment No. 2997 (to Amendment No. 2011), that there be 30 minutes of debate equally divided and controlled between Senators Biden and McCain, or their designees, and that Senate vote on

or in relation to the amendment; provided further, that the amendment be subject to a 60 vote affirmative threshold, and that if it does not achieve that threshold, the amendment be withdrawn. **Page S12076**

Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Wednesday, September 26, 2007, when cloture is filed on the motion to concur in the House amendments to the Senate amendments to H.R. 976, to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to reauthorize the State Children's Health Insurance Program, that it be considered to have been filed on Tuesday, September 25, 2007. **Page S12075**

Nomination Received: Senate received the following nomination:

Christina H. Pearson, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services. **Page S12076**

Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

John A. Rizzo, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency, which was sent to the Senate on January 9, 2007. **Page S12076**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:50 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 26, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12076.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

GULF COAST HOUSING NEEDS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine certain

issues two years after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, focusing on housing needs in the Gulf Coast, after receiving testimony from Senator Landrieu; Orlando J. Cabrera, Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Public and Indian Housing; James Perry, Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center, on behalf of the National Low Income Housing Coalition; James R. Kelly, Providence Community Housing; Emelda Paul, Lafitte Resident Council; and Edgar A.G. Bright, III, Standard Mortgage Corporation, on behalf of the Mortgage Bankers Association, all of New Orleans, Louisiana; Alan Brown, United Methodist Senior Services of Mississippi, Inc., Tupelo, on behalf of the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging; and Amy Liu, Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.

REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS SUPPLEMENTAL NUCLEAR COMPENSATION ACT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1756, to provide supplemental ex gratia compensation to the Republic of the Marshall Islands for impacts of the nuclear testing program of the United States, after receiving testimony from Thomas Bussanich, Acting Director, Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior; David B. Gootnick, Director, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office; Witten T. Philippo, Minister in Assistance to the President, and Jonathan M. Weisgall, Legal Counsel, both of Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands.

GLOBAL WARMING INITIATIVES

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine jobs in the renewable energy industries created by global warming initiatives, after receiving testimony from Sigmar Gabriel, Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Berlin, Germany; former Representative Richard K. Arme, FreedomWorks; Jerome Ringo, Apollo Alliance; Kenneth P. Green, American Enterprise Institute; and Carol L. Berrigan, Nuclear Energy Institute, all of Washington, D.C.; Wayne H. Winegarden, Arduin, Laffer, and Moore Econometrics, Tallahassee, Florida; Vinod Khosla, Klosla Ventures, Menlo Park, California; Daniel M. Kammen, University of California, Berkeley; David Blittersdorf, NRG Systems and Earth Turbines, Hinesburg, Vermont; Mark Culpepper, SunEdison, LLC, Beltsville, Maryland; and Donald D. Gilligan, National Association of Energy Service Companies, Sharon, Massachusetts.

HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED CARE

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine home and community-based care, focus-

ing on expanding options for long-term care services, after receiving testimony from Senator Harkin; Patrick Flood, Vermont Agency of Human Services, Waterbury; Kevin W. Concannon, Iowa Department of Human Services, Des Moines; Robert D. Liston, Montana Fair Housing, Missoula; and Mitch LaPlante, University of California, San Francisco.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of David T. Johnson, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs), P. Robert Fannin, of Arizona, to be Ambassador to the Dominican Republic, who was introduced by Senator Kyl, and Paul E. Simons, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chile, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

STRENGTHENING FISA

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine strengthening the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), including S. 1927, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to provide additional procedures for authorizing certain acquisitions of foreign intelligence information, and S. 2011, "The Protect America Act of 2007", after receiving testimony from J. Michael McConnell, Director of National Intelligence; James A. Baker, Harvard Law School, former Counsel for Intelligence Policy, Department of Justice, and Suzanne E. Spaulding, Bingham Consulting Group, both of Washington, D.C.; James X. Dempsey, Center for Democracy and Technology, San Francisco, California; and H. Bryan Cunningham, Morgan and Cunningham LLC, Greenwood Village, Colorado.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of John Daniel Tinder, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Lugar and Bayh, and Robert M. Dow, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, who was introduced by Senator Durbin, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

GULF WAR ILLNESSES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine research and treatment for Gulf War illnesses, after receiving testimony from Michael E. Kilpatrick, Deputy Director, Force Health Protection and Readiness Program, and Colonel Janet Harris, Director, Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs, Department of

the Army, both of the Department of Defense; Joel Kupersmith, Chief Research and Development Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs; James H. Binns, Jr., Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans Illnesses, Phoenix, Arizona; Julie Mock, Veterans of Modern Warfare, Inc., Washington, D.C.; Meryl Nass, Mount Desert Island Hospital, Bar Harbor, Maine; Lea Steele, Kansas State University, Topeka, on behalf of the Research Advisory Committee

on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses; and Roberta White, Boston University School of Public Health Department of Environmental Health, Boston, Massachusetts.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 3648–3667; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 52–53; H. Con. Res. 219; and H. Res. 676, 679–681 were introduced. **Pages H10900–01**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H10901–03**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3567, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to expand opportunities for investments in small businesses (H. Rept. 110–347);

H. Res. 677, providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 52) making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008 (H. Rept. 110–348); and

H. Res. 678, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2693) to direct the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to issue a standard regulating worker exposure to diacetyl (H. Rept. 110–349). **Page H10900**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Welch (VT) to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H10759**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:07 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m. **Page H10759**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Imam Yusuf Saleem, Masjid Muhammad, Washington, DC. **Page H10760**

Migratory Bird Conservation Commission—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission: Representatives Dingell and Gilchrest. **Page H10763**

Congressional Award Board—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member of the House of Representatives

to the Congressional Award Board: Representative Jackson Lee (Texas); and, in addition, Mr. Paxton Baker of Maryland, Mr. Vic Fazio of Virginia, Mrs. Annette Lantos of California, and Ms. Mary Rodgers of Pennsylvania. **Page H10763**

Congressional Award Board—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Boehner, Minority Leader, in which he appointed the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Congressional Award Board: Representative Bilirakis. **Page H10763**

Congressional Award Board—Appointment: Read a letter from Representative Boehner, Minority Leader, in which he appointed Mr. Cliff Akiyama of California to the Congressional Award Board.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Monday, September 24th:

Supporting the goals and ideals of "National Life Insurance Awareness Month": H. Res. 584, to support the goals and ideals of "National Life Insurance Awareness Month", by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 412 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 896; **Page H10774**

Supporting the goals and ideals of Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month: H. Con. Res. 210, to support the goals and ideals of Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 415 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 897; and

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Supporting the goals and ideals of Veterans of Foreign Wars Day: H. Res. 663, to support the goals and ideals of Veterans of Foreign Wars Day, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 410 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 898. **Pages H10775–76**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures: